



CYPT CA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Point

04/19/2021



ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Time to Pay Dues: We are doing much better this year at paying our dues but the job isn't done yet. Please find at the bottom of this newsletter a handy form to clip and mail in to our treasurer, Larry Rossen who is busy as we speak working on our income tax filing.

Association Meeting: Was on Tuesday, 30 March. As announced we held the meeting in the parking lot to remain COVID-safe but it was a bit chilly. Turnout was good. We had speakers from the Police Department and the Virginia Beach Justice Initiative. Minutes are posted on our website at: <https://cyptca.com/>

Calling All Volunteers: Have you taken a close look at the lakes this year? As in years past once you get close you should become amazed at the amount of all manners of trash. I've personally never littered but after I helped out on this project once I became zealous about it. I'm hoping you'll help out and also gain this insight. Please e-mail me and let me know you're ready to step up at wfilbert@gmail.com. Target week to collect is May 31 to June 5th.

Easter Egg Roll: We had the annual Egg Roll as advertised. Not a real massive turnout but those that were there had a good time and everybody received prizes. We'll take one more swing at this next year, hoping for increased participation. Pictures are posted on our website at <https://cyptca.com/>

In the Garden (from Master Gardener Pam Shields):

There are two obvious signs of spring in our region. One is the yellow pollen covering everything and the other are the beautiful blooming azaleas.

What is tree pollen? Seed-bearing plants, including trees, create pollen as a part of their reproductive process. Because trees are typically rooted in one place, they rely on the wind to spread the pollen spores that they release into the air.

The pollen count is highest between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. and again at dusk, so plan your outside activities for other times of the day when pollen levels are lower. If you go out during high-pollen times, wear a face mask designed to filter out pollens, especially if you suffer from allergies.

Most of the pollens that cause allergic reactions come from trees, weeds and grasses, with grasses being the most common cause of allergy.

According to the Azalea Society of America, more than 10,000 different azalea plants have been registered or named, providing a wide variety of sizes (generally 3 to 6 feet), colors (ranging from white to purple, pink, red, orange and yellow), and bloom times. Most in our region bloom from mid-April to mid-May. The Encore Azaleas can bloom in the Spring, Summer and Fall, making a beautiful landscape plant.

Garage Sale: Yes, it's next Saturday, April 24th. Clean out your unwanted "stuff" and make a few bucks as well-tax free I might add-I'm not telling the IRS. We'll advertise it in the paper for that morning and put signs up throughout the neighborhood and at the front entrance. The fee is still only \$5.00 but we'd like to sign you up with the association as well if not already a member. I'll be around to collect that morning. Once again I tried to talk the charitable organizations to come pick up leftovers at noon but was unsuccessful due to COVID. Please run your sale in a COVID-Safe manner.

History Corner: US Events in February:

April 1, 1976 - Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak found Apple computer .
April 2, 1877 - The first Easter Egg Roll is held on the White House Lawn.
April 3, 1860 - The Pony Express begins delivering the mail.
April 4, 1968 - Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated.
April 4, 1949 - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is signed.
April 4, 1975 - Microsoft is founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.
April 8, 1974 - Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th home run
April 9, 1865 - Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant
April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln is shot by John Wilkes Booth.
April 15, 1912 -The Titanic hits an iceberg in the Northern Atlantic ocean and sinks.
April 18, 1775 -Paul Revere makes his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington.
April 18, 1783 -Fighting ended for the American Revolution
April 19, 1775- The Battle of Lexington & Concord. The “shot heard round the world”
April 25, 1945 - Delegates from 45 countries meet to organize the UN.
April 30, 1789 - George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the USA

Crime Watch: (from Tom Woods, Watch Coordinator)

Ever since the coronavirus pandemic erupted, authorities have been warning the public that criminals follow the headlines and use the news to exploit the confusion surrounding the crisis by creating new ways to steal and swindle. We've seen scams over personal protective equipment and other products in short supply, frauds focused on COVID relief dollars, and phony cures and treatments being sold.

What to know about this newest scam

1. Reports to the DOJ show that consumers are receiving the bogus surveys in emails or texts. You should never click on links in communications that claim to be a vaccine survey unless the message is from a known and verified source.
2. Consumers are being told that “as a gift for filling out the survey, they can choose from various free prizes, such as an iPad Pro.” The messages claim that the recipients need to pay only shipping and handling to receive their prize. But after they pay those fees, [they never receive the promised prize](#).
3. Schemes that use links embedded in unsolicited texts and emails in attempts to obtain PII are called [phishing scams](#). They may appear to come from government

agencies, financial institutions, shipping firms and social media companies, among many other entities. Carefully examine any message purporting to be from such a source, and do not click on a link in an unsolicited email or text.

4. Remember that companies [won't contact you to ask for your username or password](#).

5. When in doubt, contact the entity that purportedly sent the suspicious, potentially fraudulent message, but do not click on anything in it. That contact info could be just as sketchy, so use a phone number or website from an invoice. Regrettably, [even internet search results](#) can turn up sham contact information, so make sure to rely only on authentic sites.

Have You Been Scammed by a Fake Survey About Vaccines?

The Justice Department urges victims to report the communication to the **National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline** by calling 866-720-5721 or filing an online complaint to the center.

And if you've provided information to a suspicious website, take steps to protect yourself by visiting this Federal Trade Commission site: identitytheft.gov.

CYPT Crime Stats 15 Mar-15 April:

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Virginia Beach Police Department

Crime Report For Neighborhood

Reporting Period: 03/15/2021 - 04/19/2021

Crime Subset: All Crimes

Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT

100 Block#	Street	Date Reported	Attempted/ Completed	Crime Description & Code Premise	Precinct Investigator	Zone
Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT						
1000-blk	BACKWOODS RD	04/04/2021	C	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, PRIVATE PROPERTY (290B) RESIDENCE, YARD	THIRD KOPICKI, E. D.	327
5400-blk	CLUB HEAD RD	04/14/2021	C	LARCENY, FROM BUILDING (23D) RESIDENCE, SINGLE-FAMILY	THIRD OLSON, R. J.	327
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4900-blk	CYPRESS POINT CI	03/21/2021	C	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (23F) HIGHWAY/ROAD/ALLEY/STREET	THIRD KOPICKI, E. D.	327

Crime Count for CYPRESS POINT:

Number of Cases:

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Something of Possible Interest: (from Ray Duffy)

Justice and Peace Committee Event

Open the Eyes of Our Hearts

*Seeking Understanding of the Gospel Message
Through Discussion of Social Justice Concerns*

Church of the Ascension's Justice & Peace Committee invites you to a forum on

Law Enforcement and Mental Health: New Approaches

**Tuesday, April 29, 2021
7pm – 8:30pm**

Featuring speaker James Jaskowiak, Virginia Beach Police Officer

This forum will help participants:

- Learn how police prepare to handle crisis situations and how we as citizens can assist them
- Explore challenges the police face in crisis situations
- Learn about resources that are available
- Understand the role and availability of mental health resources

Attend in person:

- All attendees must wear a mask
- Social distancing is required
- If you, or anyone in your household, within the past 14 days has had a fever, developed a new cough or shortness of breath, or been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please watch our online livestream at home

Watch online:
Visit www.facebook.com/AscensionVR for our event livestream

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Walk-up COVID-19 Vaccination Registration at Convention Center

The vaccination clinic at the Virginia Beach Convention Center is now offering walk-up registration for patients who would like to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccine appointments can now also be scheduled directly through the Vaccine Administration Management System.

Help is Available Through the Virginia Beach Pandemic Relief Partnership

The Virginia Beach Pandemic Relief Partnership was formed to help residents and small businesses who have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

Mayor Bobby Dyer and other Hampton Roads mayors discussed the impact of youth violence and crime prevention

How can we address the root issues? What are cities doing now? What are partner agencies and nonprofits doing? What are opportunities for volunteering, mentoring? Tune in to find out!

Take the Earth Week 2021 Challenge

From April 22-29, participate in the daily eco-friendly challenge -- at home or in your community.

New Dog Park & Reminder to Keep Dogs on a Leash

The brand new, 4-section, shaded dog park at Marshview Park is now OPEN! Friendly reminder: please keep your dogs leashed at *all* of our parks and natural areas. It's also nesting season for our local wildlife including diamondback terrapins whose eggs and hatchlings can be threatened by unleashed dogs. Visit a park.

Help Update the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The first public meeting for the 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held online via Zoom on April 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents will have an

opportunity to discuss hazard-related concerns within the community and share thoughts on the Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan update process.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is the result of a planning process to identify hazards and develop strategies to reduce loss of life and property. An adopted plan that is updated every five years helps ensure each community in the region is eligible for federal disaster funding following a major event.

The planning committee has initially identified 13 types of hazards for inclusion in the plan – among them, flooding, sea level rise, tropical storms, shoreline erosion and communicable disease. Citizen participation in the public meeting will allow the planning team to understand what types of hazards are of most concern to residents and what hazards to prioritize.

Register for the Meeting

Members of the public may register to participate in the public meeting by visiting https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P-6S6ovtTRuNow85rXG8Sg



Cypress Point Civic Association VB: dues are \$15.00 for 01/01/21 to 12/31/21

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-Mail: _____

Make payment to *Cypress Point
Civic Association of VB*

Mail to: *Larry Rossen, Treasurer
1228 Smith Cove Circle, VB, VA
23455*

New Member _____

Renewal _____

Note: We will never give your contact information to anyone.